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## **CABOT SCHOOL CUSTODIAN HONORED**

### **2014 Vermont Custodian of the Year Named**

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION** – One very special and hard-working school custodian was chosen recently by the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) and the Vermont School Custodians & Maintenance Association (VSCMA) as Vermont’s 2014 School Custodian of the Year. Peter Ackermann, the Transportation/Facilities/Maintenance Coordinator at Cabot School, was honored at the VSCMA’s conference today.

“I’m very flattered to receive this award. But I know that you’re only as good as the people you work with,” said Ackermann. “I’m very fortunate to work with good people from the supervisory union staff and the folks I am with every day at our school.”

Earlier this year, school officials and administrators were invited to nominate professional school custodians for consideration for the Vermont School Custodian of the Year award. In order to qualify, individuals had to exemplify the positive qualities of a hard-working, dedicated member of their school team and must have worked a minimum of five years (full-time service) in a Vermont school.

Nominations were received from principals, superintendents, students, co-workers, parents and others from across the state. Judging was completed anonymously by members of the VSCMA and employees of the AOE. Each nomination was reviewed and rated based on the nominee’s strengths, accomplishments and contributions to his or her school team.

It was clear from the nomination letters that Ackermann, a former dairy farmer, takes pride in his work. He serves as a community mentor and is dedicated to the school’s mission; Pete goes above and beyond the call of duty. Nominations echoed stories about Ackermann’s friendly manner, problem solving skills, sense of humor, work ethic and dedication to creating a safe school environment. He is known to get up in the middle of the night in a storm to check for flooding and work with a student in tow the next day.

“Pete is a joy to work with and a partner in creating and maintaining a safe, healthy and positive school environment” said Washington Northeast Supervisory Union Superintendent Nancy Thomas. “The whole community appreciates his dedication to the school.”

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